

# Implication of AI driven classification models on metabolomics profiling dataset: Breast cancer case study

Journey through Data Exploration, Preprocessing, and Modeling

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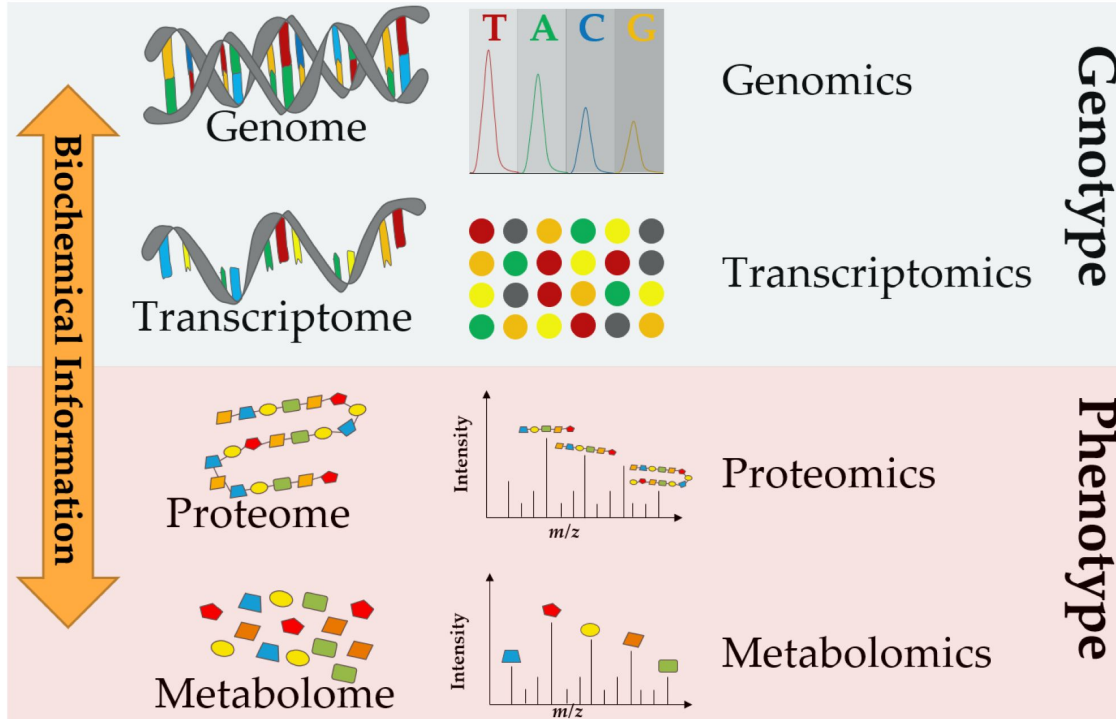
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# Introduction

Metabolomics is a field that explores small molecules in biological systems.

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### ABSTRACT

Molecular subtyping of breast cancer is necessary for therapy selection and mandatory for all breast cancer patients. Metabolic alterations are considered a hallmark of cancer and several metabolic drugs are currently being investigated in clinical trials. However, the dependence of metabolic alterations on breast cancer subtypes has not been investigated on -omics scale. Thus, 204 estrogen receptor positive (ER+) and 67 estrogen receptor negative (ER-) breast cancer tissues were investigated using GC-TOFMS based metabolomics. 19 metabolites were detected as altered in a predefined training set (2/3 of tumors) and could be validated in a predefined validation set (1/3 of tumors). The metabolite changes included increases in beta-alanine, 2-hydroxyglutarate, glutamate, xanthine and decreases in glutamine in the ER-subtype. Beta-alanine demonstrated the strongest change between ER- and ER+ breast cancer (fold change = 2.4,  $p = 1.5E-20$ ). In a correlation analysis with genome-wide expression data in a subcohort of 154 tumors, we found a strong negative correlation (Spearman  $R = -0.62$ ) between beta-alanine and 4-aminobutyrate aminotransferase (ABAT). Immunohistochemical analysis confirmed down-regulation of the ABAT protein in ER- breast cancer. In a Kaplan-Meier

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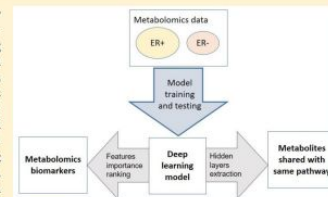
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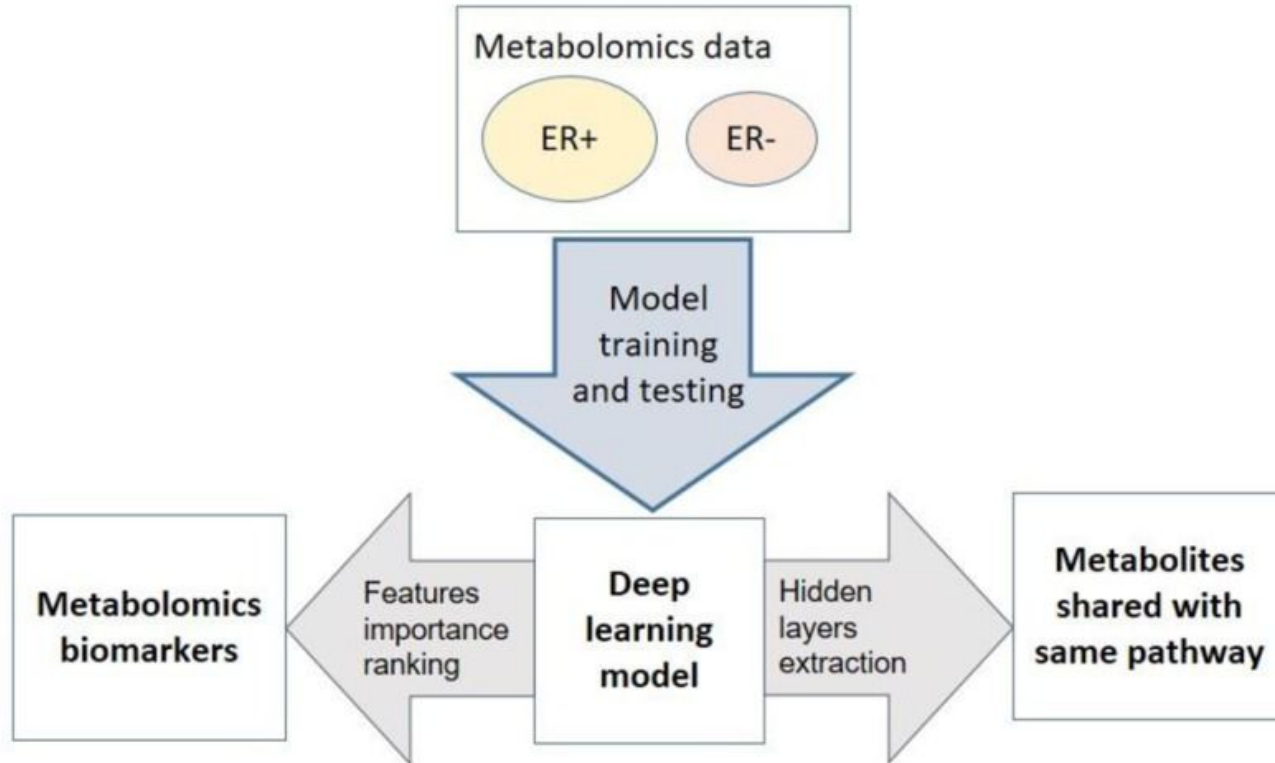
Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** Metabolomics holds the promise as a new technology to diagnose highly heterogeneous diseases. Conventionally, metabolomics data analysis for diagnosis is done using various statistical and machine learning based classification methods. However, it remains unknown if deep neural network, a class of increasingly popular machine learning methods, is suitable to classify metabolomics data. Here we use a cohort of 271 breast cancer tissues, 204 positive estrogen receptor (ER+), and 67 negative estrogen receptor (ER-) to test the accuracies of feed-forward networks, a deep learning (DL) framework, as well as six widely used machine learning models, namely random forest (RF), support vector machines (SVM), recursive partitioning and regression trees (RPART), linear discriminant analysis (LDA), prediction analysis for microarrays (PAM), and generalized boosted models (GBM). DL framework has the highest area under the curve (AUC) of 0.93 in classifying ER+/ER- patients, compared to the other six machine learning algorithms. Furthermore, the biological interpretation of the first hidden layer reveals eight commonly enriched significant metabolomics pathways (adjusted  $P$ -value <0.05) that cannot be discovered by other machine learning methods. Among them, protein digestion and absorption and ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporters pathways are also confirmed in integrated analysis between metabolomics and gene expression data in these samples. In summary, deep learning method shows advantages for metabolomics based breast cancer ER status classification, with both the highest prediction accuracy (AUC = 0.93) and better revelation of disease biology. We encourage the adoption of feed-forward networks based deep learning method in the metabolomics research community for classification.



**KEYWORDS:** breast cancer, metabolomics, estrogen receptor, deep learning, bioinformatics

# abstract



271 breast cancer tissues, 204 positive estrogen receptor (ER+), and 67 negative estrogen receptor (ER-) to test the accuracies of feed-forward networks, a deep learning (DL) framework

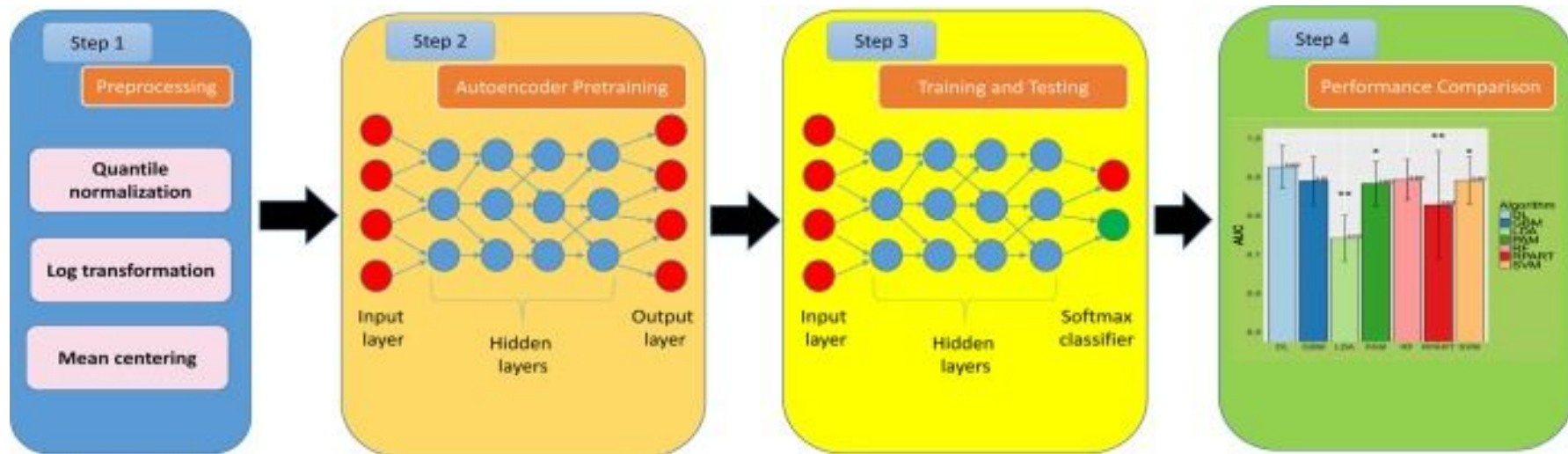
# Data Set Information

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- The metabolomics data used in this study consists of 271 breast cancer samples (204 ER+ and 67 ER-) collected from a biobank at the Pathology Department of Charité Hospital, Berlin, Germany.
- A total of 162 metabolites with known chemical structure were measured using gas chromatography followed by time-of-flight mass spectroscopy (GC-TOFMS) for all tissue samples.

# Work flow

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# Importing Modules and Dependencies

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In any data analysis project, the first step is importing the necessary libraries and modules.

We've used several key libraries in our analysis:

NumPy for numerical operations.

Pandas for data manipulation.

scikit-learn for machine learning tools.

TensorFlow/Keras for deep learning.



```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
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# Importing and Loading Data

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Data import is a critical step in data analysis.

We imported our dataset from a CSV file located at a specific address.

Data import sets the foundation for subsequent analysis.

**Import dataset in the selected format (.csv)**

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data=pd.read_csv("file address")
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**Let's continue it on Colab sheet!!!**

# Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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EDA helps us understand our data.

We performed the following EDA tasks:

Calculated correlations and visualized them with a heatmap.

Generated histograms to explore data distributions.

Created a word cloud to visualize column names.

# Data Preprocessing

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Data preprocessing is essential for preparing data for analysis.

Our preprocessing steps included:

Feature extraction.

Normalization using StandardScaler.

Splitting the dataset into training and testing sets.

# Autoencoder Neural Network

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Autoencoders are neural networks used for feature extraction.

Our autoencoder architecture:

Input layer.

Multiple hidden layers.

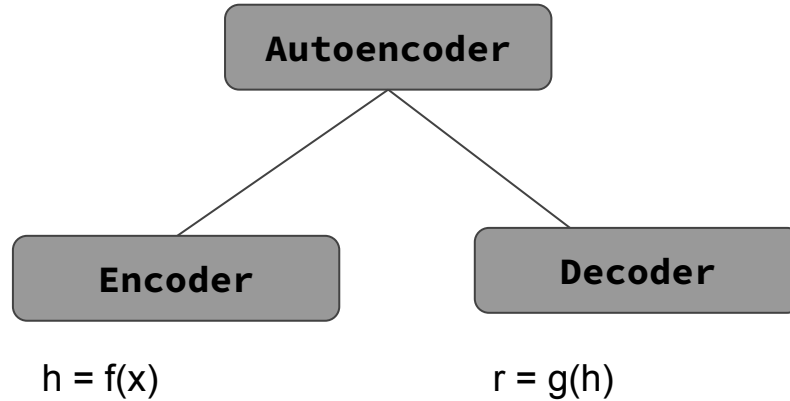
Output layer for feature reconstruction.

We trained the autoencoder to capture essential features in our data.

# What Are Autoencoders?

AE is a neural network that is trained to attempt to copy its input to its output.

The network consists of two parts-

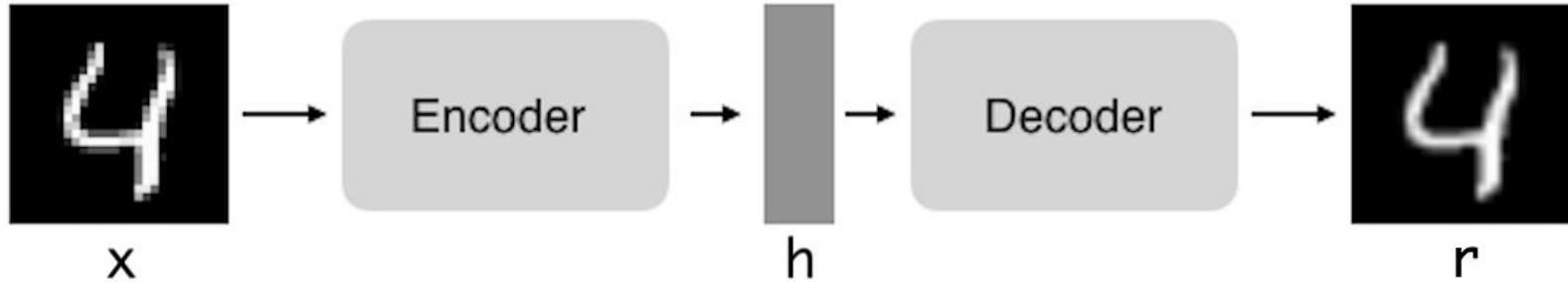


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Original Input

Latent Representation

Reconstructed Output



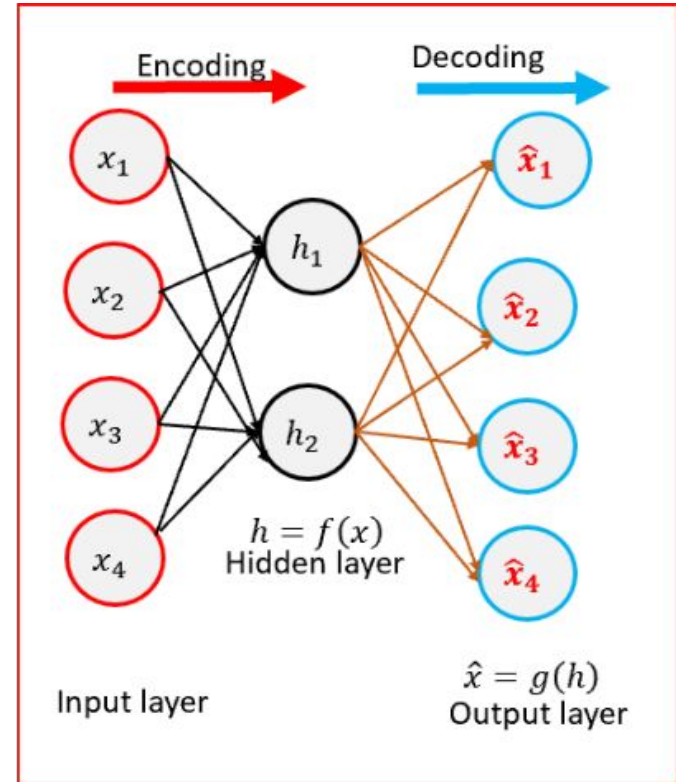
**Encoder:** compress input into a latent-space of usually smaller dimension.  $h = f(x)$

**Decoder:** reconstruct input from the latent space.  $r = g(f(x))$  with  $r$  as close to  $x$  as possible

Autoencoders encodes the input values  $x$ , using a function  $f$ . It then decodes the encoded values  $f(x)$ , using a function  $g$ , to create output values identical to the input values.



- We take the input, encode it to identify latent feature representation. Decode the latent feature representation to recreate the input.
- We calculate the loss by comparing the input and output. To reduce the reconstruction error.
  - **Autoencoder's objective is to minimize reconstruction error between the input and output. This helps autoencoders to learn important features present in the data.**
- we back propagate and update the weights. Weight is updated based on how much they are responsible for the error.



# Which one is correct number

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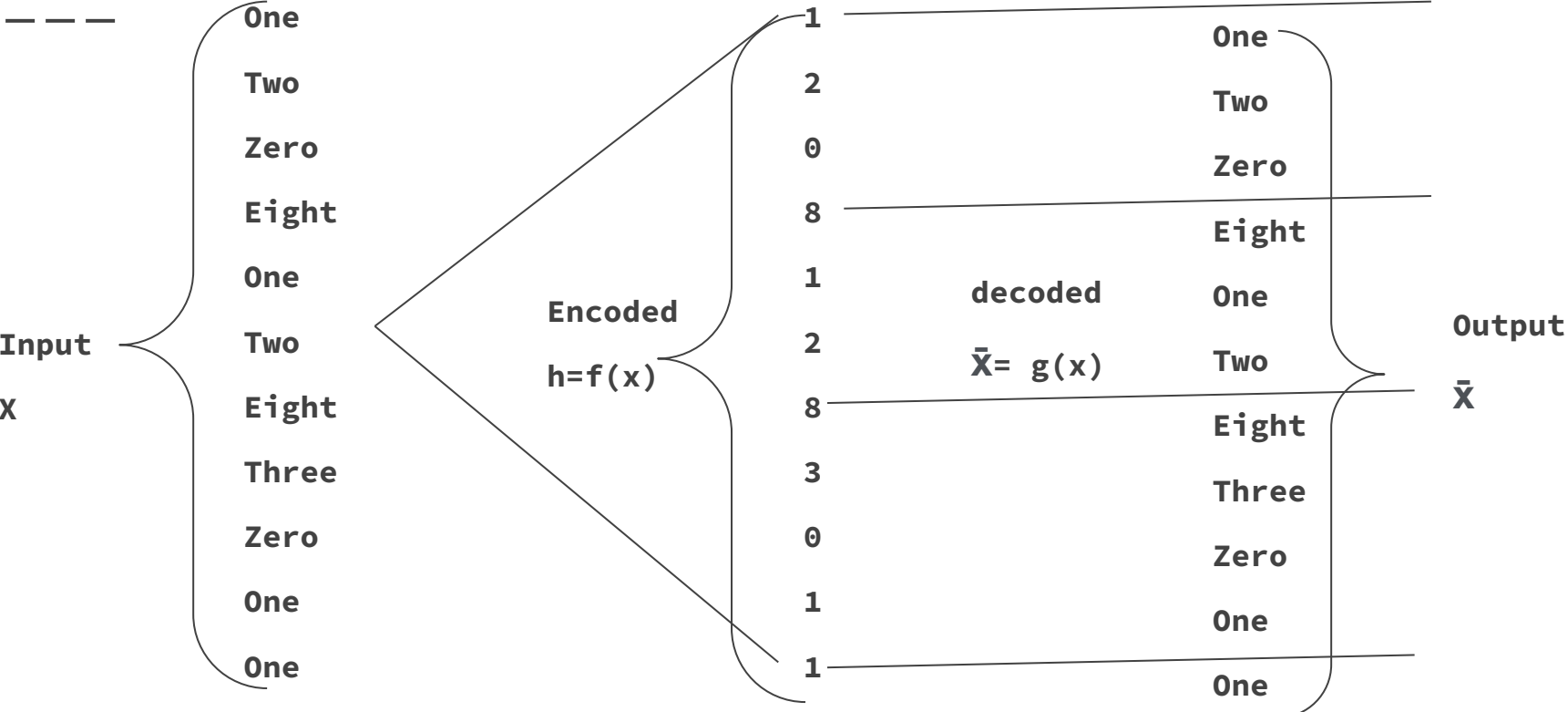
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# Explanation

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# Steps of implementation

**Step 1: Take the first row from the customer data for all products bought in an array as the input.** 1 represent that the customer bought the product. 0 represents that the customer did not buy the product.

**Step 2: Encode the input into another vector  $h$ .**  $h$  is a lower dimension vector than the input. We can use sigmoid activation function for  $h$  as it ranges from 0 to 1.  $W$  is the weight applied to the input and  $b$  is the bias term.

**Step 3: Decode the vector  $h$  to recreate the input.** Output will be of same dimension as the input.

	Product 1	Product 2	Product 3	Product 4	Product 5	Product 6
Customer 1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Customer 2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Customer 3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Customer 4	1	1	0	0	1	0

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**Step 4 : Calculate the reconstruction error L.**

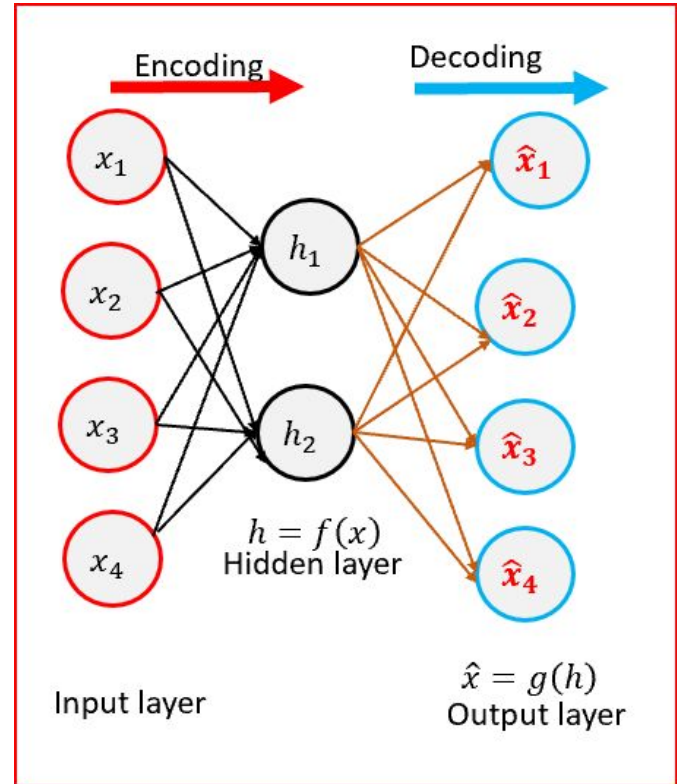
Reconstruction error is the difference between the input and output vector. Our goal is to minimize the reconstruction error so that output is similar to the input vector.

$$\text{Reconstruction error} = \text{input vector} - \text{output vector}$$

**Step 5: Back propagate the error from output layer to the input layer to update the weights.** Weights are updated based on how much they were responsible for the error.

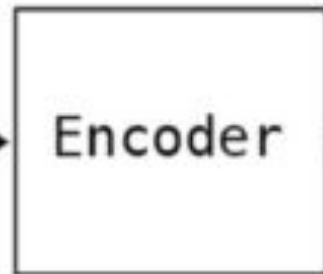
**Step 6: Repeat step 1 through 5 for each of the observation in the dataset. Weights are updated after each observation.**

**Step 7: Repeat more epochs.** Epoch is when all the rows in the dataset has passed through the neural network.





Noisy input



Compressed  
representation



The feature we want to  
extract from the image



Denoised image

# Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

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Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) are used for classification.

Our ANN architecture:

Input layer.

Hidden layers for complex pattern recognition.

Output layer for binary classification.

We trained the ANN for classification tasks.

# Summary of Results

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Let's summarize the results:

Autoencoder extracted essential features.

ANN achieved a certain accuracy.



# Conclusion

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- In conclusion, metabolomics data analysis with machine learning is a powerful approach.
- These techniques can aid in understanding complex biological systems.
- The choice of model depends on the specific task and data characteristics.

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